Research project on instant tea

1097. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government undertook a Research Project on Instant Tea through Tokolai Tea Research Centre in Assam;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof;

(c) what was the total amount spent on the project; and

(d) what was the total period of time taken for the completion of the Research Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Methodology for manufactures of Instant tea (both hot and cold soluble) has successfully been developed at the pilot plant stage.

(c) Approximately Rs. 34 lakhs has been spent on the project.

(d) Little over 12 years.

Difficulties of Indian tea exports

1098. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian tea exporters experienced difficulties in obtaining bonafide technical and trade samples of tea from foreign countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has created difficulties to the tea exporters for they could not study the tea blends in overseas tea pockets; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) to (c) To overcome these difficulties, Government has amended the Open General Licence so as to enable importation of bonafide technical and trade samples of tea supplied free of charge not exceeding Rs. 1,000/- c.i.f. value, in one consignment, on the recommendation of the Tea Board.

Vacancies of judges in Andhra Pradesh High Court

1099. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of vacancies of Judges in Andhra Pradesh High Court:

(b) since when these posts have been lying vacant; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There are 6 vacancies of Judges/Additional Judges in the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(b) These posts fell vacant on the following dates:—

Permanent Judges	Additional Judges
6.5.88	26.11.82
1.7.88	29.11.82
26.10.88	
10.11.88	

(c) Action has been taken to fill up these vacancies in consultation with the State authorities.

Handloom weavers of Andhra Pradesh

1100. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received any memorandum/representation from